

EXHIBIT I

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Sent: Wednesday, July 2, 2025 12:21:25 PM

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Subject: Re: Final Offer - Confidential Settlement Communication – F.R.E. 408

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And messrs Bell, Keech and Tea will also be humiliated, destroyed and eviscerated on a personal level.

I will have no mercy. NONE whatsoever. NONE.

Best,

Arj

On Wed, Jul 2, 2025 at 12:11 PM Arjun Vasan <arjun.vasan@gmail.com> wrote:

Let me be absolutely clear. If I do not get a positive response by Friday, July 4, 2025, the 249th birthday of America, there will be no going back.

My only goal after that will be to **completely destroy and humiliate** Checkmate.

- Arj

On Wed, Jul 2, 2025 at 12:04 PM Arjun Vasan <arjun.vasan@gmail.com> wrote:

I would further suggest that your client begin **apologizing**, immediately.

Each day that passes increases the cost your client will pay, and my resolve to hold their feet to the fire.

- Arj

On Wed, Jul 2, 2025 at 11:58 AM Arjun Vasan <arjun.vasan@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear Counsel,

I see that you plan to **surrender** in New York. Unexpected yet still surprising. (and welcome).

Unless you dismiss with prejudice I will hold your frivolous and abusive New York action against you, and you will pay for it.

Best regards,

Arj

On Tue, Jul 1, 2025 at 9:12 PM Arjun Vasan <arjun.vasan@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear Counsel,

I write in a final effort to avoid further escalation—and the substantial fees your client will incur if this matter proceeds.

Your client's deliberate multiplication of proceedings has already resulted in significant, avoidable expense. The next phase will be exponentially costlier for a team of six K&L Gates attorneys litigating on two coasts, representing a client with several witnesses to depose, including multiple key employees and senior leadership, against just one person.

Accordingly, my **final offer** is as follows:

1. **Payment of all amounts indisputably owed** (severance, bonuses, and accrued wages);
2. **Statutory interest and waiting-time penalties;** and
3. **Attorneys'-fees equivalents** for the time I have expended pro se (calculated at \$1000/hr, full time). Alternatively, my salary of \$280k, for 18 months.
4. Non-monetary compensation for reputation damage caused by your client's actions (public acknowledgement of wrongdoing and formal apology).

If I do not receive written acceptance of this proposal by **end of day Friday, July 4, 2025**, I will raise the stakes substantially, including motions for sanctions, adding **Michael Bell**, K&L Gates LLP (and **Ryan Q. Keech** and **Charles Tea III** as individual defendants), seeking injunctive relief, and pursuing any further actions necessary to **force** a resolution.

I have consistently demonstrated my relentlessness, cost-effectiveness and that I follow through on my representations. I trust your client will weigh that history in considering a resolution that spares everyone unnecessary burden, including the disruption this will cause to Checkmate and especially its Voice AI ambitions. *This will cost your client far far more than it costs me.* I further reserve all rights and waive none.

Best regards,

Arjun Vasan

Defendant & Plaintiff Pro Se